

REMARKS

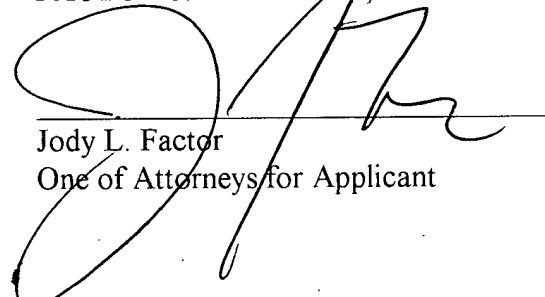
The Examiner stated that the September 20, 2002 response to the prior Office Action mailed June 13, 2002 was not fully responsive. Specifically, Applicant did not include the appropriate parenthetical expressions following the claim number indicating the status of the claim as amended or newly added on both the clean and marked up version. In response, Applicant submits herewith the clean and marked up version of the amended claims including the appropriate parenthetical expressions as requested by the Examiner.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application should now be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and passage to allowance is respectfully requested.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned, at (312) 226-1818, is respectfully invited.

Respectfully submitted,

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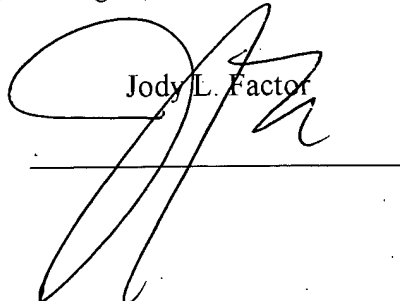


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AMENDED CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES

1. A plaster with a base layer (10), [optionally with] having a working layer (20) [arranged on said base layer] and [with] an adhesive layer (12), whereby the external surface of the base layer (10) remote from the adhesive layer (12) is formed in such a way that it accepts a cosmetic preparation, characterised in that the base layer (10) bears a printing-ink layer (30) which is situated between the base layer (10) which is made out of transparent material and the adhesive layer (12), and further characterised in that the external surface (14) of the base layer (10) includes a surface treatment or a surface coating (16) so that it is either lipophilic or hydrophilic.
2. The [P]plaster according to Claim 1, characterised in that the external surface (14) is rough.
4. The [P]plaster according to claims 1, characterised in that the external surface (14) exhibits an imprint (28) with a skin pattern.
5. The [P]plaster according to claim 1, characterised in that the working layer (20) comprises at least one microencapsulated (22) active substance (26).
6. The [P]plaster according to Claim 5, characterised in that the active substances (26) comprises [one or more of the] at least one substance[s named below:] selected from the group comprising drying agents[such as kieselguhr, aluminum oxide and the like, pharmaceutical substances such as, for example,] pharmaceuticals acting on the skin, [e.g.]anti-inflammatory pharmaceuticals, pharmaceutical substances which are supplied to the body percutaneously, and skin-care products, [e.g. soothing oils].

7. The [P]plaster according to claim 1, characterised in that the base layer (10) bears a printing-ink layer (30).

8. The [P]plaster according to claim 7, characterised in that the printing-ink layer (3) is situated between the base layer (10) which is made out of transparent material and the adhesive layer (12).

9. The [P]plaster according to claim 1, characterised in that the base layer (10) is made out of rubber.

10. The [P]plaster according to claim 1, characterised in that the thickness of the base layer (10) amounts to between 20 and 100 μm [, preferably between 30 and 60 μm].

11. The [P]plaster according to claim 1, characterised in that the adhesive layer (12) consists of an adhesive that cures after application of the plaster on the skin.